

(d)(i) No. of officials convicted : 1

sugar would remain in check.

(ii) No. of officials acquitted : Nil

### **CBI Cases against Government Officials**

#### **Increase in Price of Sugar**

**5636. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA:** Will the MINISTER OF FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a continuous increase in the price of sugar in recent past;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have issued directions to the State Governments to control the prices of sugar;

(d) whether State Governments have followed those directions; and

(e) if so, the action taken so far to check black marketing of sugar?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI):** (a) and (b). Sugar prices in the open market during the current 1990-91 season (i.e. from 1st October, 1990 onwards) remained fairly stable upto April, 1991 and thereafter have shown an increasing trend. This trend could be attributed to the increase in demand during summer months, marriage season, transport difficulties during General Elections etc.

(c) to (e). The releases of free-sale sugar in the open market have been stepped up from June, 1991 onwards. The levy sugar allotments to the Statewise have also been augmented by allowing an adhoc increase of 5% in their monthly quotas for the months August to December, 1991. In addition, festival quota of levy sugar is being released for the ensuing festival season. With these measures, it is expected that the price of

**5637. SHRI JANARDAN MISRA:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Bureau of Investigation has registered cases of corruption and irregularities against Government officials during last six months;

(b) if so, the number of gazetted officers out of them and the details of the cases registered against them; and

(c) the action taken against the officials?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 348 Government officials, of which 149 are of gazetted status are involved in 103 cases registered by CBI from Feb. 1991 to July 1991, on the allegations of possession of assets disproportionate to their known sources of income, showing undue official favours and criminal mis-conduct etc.

(c) Regular cases have been registered against the officials concerned.

[English]

### **Corruptions cases against Government Officers**

**5638. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Bureau of Investigation has booked 58 Government officers for corruption charges during the month of June, 1991; and

(b) if so, the action taken against these officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) CBI has booked 57 Gazetted officers (not 58 as mentioned in the Question) for corruption charges during the month of June, 1991.

(b) Regular cases have been registered against officials concerned.

### **Promotion of Software Exports**

5639. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United Nations Development Programme is assisting India in developing software capabilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have considered the recommendations of UNDP for promoting software exports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and to what extent the Government have agreed to implement these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The UNDP have been assisting India in developing software capabilities in areas, namely, Knowledge Based Computer System (KBCS), Education & Research in Computer Networking (ERNET), Computer Aided Management (CAM) and Computer Aided Design (CAD) Programmes.

The KBCS Programme is aimed to develop national capabilities and gain expertise in research, design, development train-

ing and to demonstrate KBCS technology based solutions to the selected problems in the areas of medical care, primary education, industrial productivity and communication among different languages.

The objective of the ERNET programme is to develop national capabilities in design, development, education, research and training in contemporary trends of computer networking and set up experimental academic and research networking.

The objective of the CAD Programme is optimisation of industrial design and process control in the designated critical areas which include chemical engineering plants, semiconductor and related electronic systems, industry and heavy engineering plants etc.

The CAM programme aims to promote optimum utilisation resources and manpower in the organised sectors of economy improvements in management techniques using information technology.

(c) and (d). The UNDP has not made any specific recommendations in regard to software export. However, UNDP organised a Seminar in November, 1990 at Bombay to discuss various issues related to software export with industry. Most of the issues raised in the Seminar have been attended to by the Government through various policy measures and a series of incentives given by the Government from time to time for export of software.

### **Plastic Industry**

5640. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent Industrial Policy announced by the Government has adversely affected the plastic industry; and

(b) if so, the measures proposed to be